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[54] **MEANS FOR RESOLVING AMBIGUITIES IN TEXT BASED UPON CHARACTER CONTEXT**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A method of identifying an object within a set of object candidates includes the steps of:

calculating the probability of occurrence of each member of a set of string candidates, wherein each string candidate contains one member of the set of object candidates, the calculating employing formulae using a method of groups and projections; and identifying one of the objects based on the calculated probability.

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